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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, OVIP, ID (PRESIDENT SUHARTO)

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF SUHARTO VISIT TO US

1. IN APRIL 22 CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB, INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR RUSMIN CONVEYED PRESIDENT SUHARTO'S OFFICIAL ACCEPTANCE OF INVITATION TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT FORD AT CAMP DAVID ON JULY 5. (RESPONDING TO MR. HABIB'S MENTION OF REFERENCE TO VISIT IN PRESIDENT FORD'S APRIL 10 SPEECH, RUSMIN SAID THIS CREATED NO PROBLEM AND GOI WAS GRATEFUL FOR AMBASSADOR NEWSOM'S EXPLANATION).

2. FOLLOWING STATE VISIT TO CANADA, AMBASSADOR SAID SUHARTO PARTY WILL FLY FROM NIAGARA FALLS TO ANDREWS AFB ON JULY 5, WITH PRESIDENT HIMSELF GOING BY HELICOPTER FROM THERE TO CAMP DAVID. FOLLOWING MEETING, GROUP WILL REASSEMBLE AT ANDREWS LATER SAME DAY AND LEAVE FOR DIRECT FLIGHT TO TOKYO VIA ANCHORAGE.

3. RUSMIN SAID THAT GOI CHIEF OF PROTOCOL WIDYA LATIEF AND GENERAL TJOKROPANOLO OF PRESIDENT'S STAFF WILL VISIT

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WASHINGTON IN LATE MAY TO DISCUSS PLANNING FOR VISIT.

EXPECTATION IS FOR BUSINESS MEETING OF 2-3 HOURS AT CAMP DAVID, PERHAPS CENTERED AROUND WORKING LUNCH. AMBASSADOR

ADDED THAT SEPARATE SCHEDULE WILL BE REQUIRED FOR MRS. SUHARTO AND PARTY OF 35, WHO WILL NOT BE ACCOMPANYING PRESIDENT TO CAMP DAVID.

4. MR. HABIB SAID WE WERE VERY PLEASED WITH THIS NEWS, THAT CAMP DAVID WOULD OFFER AN EXCELLENT ATMOSPHERE FOR THEIR DISCUSSIONS AND THAT EA WOULD CONSULT CLOSELY WITH AMBASSADOR RUSMIN'S STAFF ON ALL DETAILS OF THE VISIT. WE WILL COORDINATE WITH PROTOCOL AND THE WHITE HOUSE IN WORKING OUT A SEPARATE SCHEDULE FOR MRS. SUHARTO AND REST OF PARTY.

5. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PROPOSED WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUHARTO VISIT. ANNOUNCEMENT TIMING NOT YET FIXED PENDING GOI CONCURRENCE.

6. QUOTE: PRESIDENT FORD HAS INVITED PRESIDENT SUHARTO TO MEET WITH HIM AT CAMP DAVID ON JULY 5 TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES IN WHICH INDONESIA AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE A MUTUAL INTEREST. PRESIDENT SUHARTO HAS ACCEPTED THE INVITATION FOR THIS INFORMAL VISIT. PRESIDENT SUHARTO'S VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES WILL BE A PART OF A WORLD TRIP. UNQUOTE.

7. REQUEST EMBASSY PROPOSE TO GOI JOINT PRESS STATEMENT AND OBTAIN ITS CONCURRENCE IN TEXT. WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT AT EARLIEST TIME CONVENIENT TO GOI, SINCE FACT OF VISIT WAS SURFACED IN THE PRESIDENT'S STATE-OF-THE-WORLD ADDRESS. KISSINGER

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